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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 977  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alicia Rene Collins on winning the 2002 National Shakespeare Essay Contest and the 2002 English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations and recognize those outstanding young people who, through scholastic competition, enhance their understanding of literature and the fine arts and bring honor to our great State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Alicia Rene Collins, who has recently won the 2002 National Shakespeare Essay Contest and the 2002 English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Kenwood High School in Clarksville, Ms. Collins possesses tremendous dramatic talent and writing ability and has perfected these remarkable talents through drama, theatre, and speaking engagements; and

WHEREAS, she utilized these extraordinary talents as she competed against 56 of the nation's finest performers in the prestigious English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition held in New York's Lincoln Center; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Collins emerged victorious with her interpretation of Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 and Act IV, Scene IV of Titus Andronicus; and

WHEREAS, for her outstanding performance, Ms. Collins has earned a three-week summer course at Oxford University in England; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning this illustrious honor, Alicia Rene recently won the National Shakespeare Essay Contest, which is a competition that encompasses 15,000 students nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Collins' display of dramatic aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University, where she will study communications; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins' dedication and passion for Shakespearean literature embodies the spirit of a true Tennessean and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ms. Alicia Rene Collins on winning the 2002 National Shakespeare Essay Contest and the 2002 English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition and that we wish her well in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.